

## REMARKS

In the office action dated July 14, 2005, made final by the Examiner, claims 1-6, 8, 21-23, 25 and 26 were rejected as anticipated by Peterson, U.S. Patent #6,161,856. These claims have been canceled without prejudice in order to expedite allowance of this application. However, applicant asserts that the claims are improperly rejected because claims 1, 21, 22, and 25 all limit the invention to suspension devices which have the shock absorber mounted between the fork member and the mounting member, with the mounting member rigidly mounted to the frame of the wheelchair. Peterson shows the shock absorber 19 between two moveable members 35, 35, neither of which is mounted rigidly to the frame 13 of the wheelchair. The remainder of the rejected claims depend from claims 1, 21, 22 and 25 and necessarily include the distinguishing limitations. Applicant does not concede that claims 1-6, 8, 21-23, 25 and 26 are anticipated by Peterson, nor does Peterson teach or suggest the device claimed in the rejected claims.

Claim 24 stands allowed. Claims 7 and 9-11 were objected to as depending from rejected base claims. Claims 7, 9 and 11 have been amended to include all limitations of the base claims from which these claims originally depended.

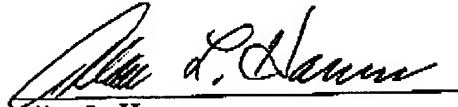
Claims 12-20 were earlier withdrawn from consideration and had been canceled by a supplement to Amendment A submitted on 4/15/2005. To assure that the claims are shown of record as canceled, the cancellation direction is confirmed by this amendment.

This amendment is made after final rejection and is limited to amending the claims which were objected to. All claims should now be found in form for issuance of a Notice of Allowability

which is respectfully requested.

Any questions or discussion about this response should be addressed to Allan L. Harms at 319-363-8905.

Respectfully submitted,



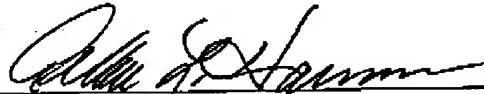
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